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MIRROR SURFACE WAFER

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- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-203823, along with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No.

2003/0171075 to NIHONMATSU et al., which was published on September 11, 2003;

(2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-077875, together with an English language Abstract and an English language computer translation thereof;

(3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-092777, along with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,899,731 to KAI et al., which issued on May 4, 1999;

(4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-203890, together with an English language Abstract and an English language computer translation thereof;

(5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-135165, along with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,043,156 to KAI et al., which issued on March 28, 2000;

(6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-135164, along with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,963,821 to KAI et al., which issued on October 5, 1999;

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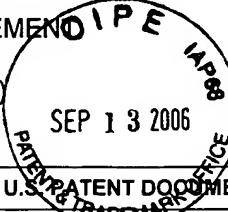
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